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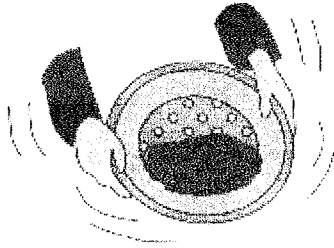


Figure 3a. A grizzly (a pan with holes in the bottom) is used to separate larger rocks from the finer material.

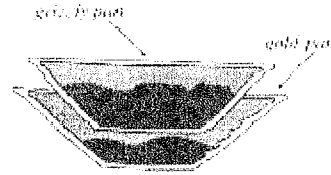


Figure 3b. Pan cross-section. After the rocks caught in the grizzly are examined for gold, they may be discarded.

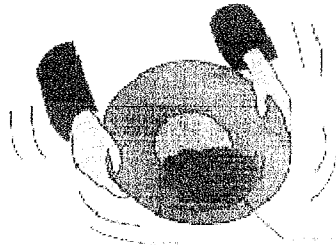


Figure 4. With the pan's riffles pointed away from you, alternate underwater dipping and swirling, until the lighter, finer material is washed away and the heavier material remains in the bottom of the pan.

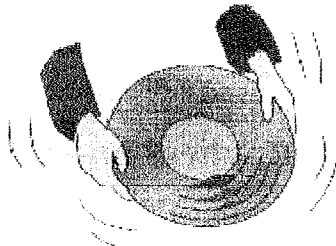
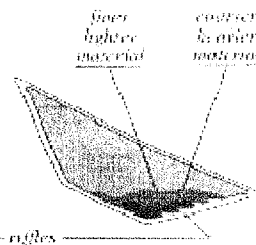


Figure 5. When dark sands (heavy mineral grains) are all that is left (except for the gold, of course), you are panning correctly. Hopefully, your pan will look like this when you are finished.



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March 2008

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Presidential Nuggets

Hello Fellow prospectors,

My name is Robert Forbes, I have been elected as your President for the next couple of years. I have some background in mining as I have been looking for gold for about 5 years now. I have done most types of mining from panning to dredging. I do not know all there is to know about gold mining. I do know that it is unlikely that we are going to get rich prospecting in Idaho. I also strongly believe that the places you get to go and the people that you meet along the way are much more important than gold. The friendships I have made while a member of the club far out weigh any gold I have found. I hope that you all are looking forward to a great mining season as I am. I will need everyone's help if we are to have a successful season and a growing and vibrant club.

Now on to club business,

If anyone out there has any ideas for an outing or a guest speaker or even an idea about what you would like to see happen at the meetings please let me know. I would like to see the gold nugget raffle started up again. I think that is a great thing to have for the old members and new ones as well. I sure like to have a chance to win a nugget. With gold going up in price as it has recently I'm not sure that would be a profitable raffle item

unless we all get behind that effort and buy lots of tickets. I also would like some ideas on what would make a good raffle prize for the regular drawing. Also be thinking about new claims or new places to go look for gold. As in any other endeavor you have to do the leg work first then you can reap the rewards, meaning we might have to have a few outings early on in the spring to go out to and "look" for likely places to find gold. We may not find any or we might find the mother load. I do know that if we don't spend the time doing the leg work and field work some other club will. So bring your ideas to the meeting on April 1st. Yes that is April fools day so come prepared. Hope to see all of you there.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rob Forbes

P.S. I can be reached anytime at 989-5169

GPAA Meeting

Tuesday

1 April 2008

7 pm

**Snake River Elementary
500 Stampede Dr.,
Nampa**

See you there!

Welcome to the new board.
Thanks for volunteering!

Happy March Birthday

Kai Kaminski, Roger Barnhill, Bryan Tatro, Marilyn Foster, J.L. Anderson, Edward Welty, Ginny Norris, Brock Foster, Valorie Biggs

We wish you the best of
good times and
excellent prospecting
for the coming year

To all who do not wish to divulge their
birthday –
A Very Merry Unbirthday!

Bank Notes

Deposit \$332.50

February Checks written to:
Nampa School Dist., USPS, Nampa Parks
& Rec

Financial info will be posted at
meeting

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**NAMPA GPAA
Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Karin Hunter.

Visitors and new Members introduced themselves.

The President asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the minutes of the last meeting as they appeared in the Newsletter. None being made, a motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Newsletter was made and seconded. Motion carried.

The Secretary/Treasurer, Elaine Oakander, was ill and not present. The President reported the current balance in the account, as well as the fact that the officers had met and completely audited and balanced the account as of the last bank statement dated February 19, 2008.

The Vice President, Jim Jencks, reported that there was still substantial snow still left around our claims by Idaho City. The roads were reasonably good, but the actual claim areas were still covered.

Brett Williams, Claims Director, reported that the paperwork had been filed as needed for the year on our claims. He also stated that the claims that he had hoped would become available did not. He will continue researching the possibility of new claims.

The Outings Director, Larry Steele, had no planned outing for March due to the weather and road conditions. He had gone to Blacks Creek Reservoir and found fine gold. He recommended it as a good place to go at this time, as long as you were aware of the possibility of getting stuck in mud.

Good & Welfare: Bill Gardunia is still having his raffle to benefit Randy Evans. The drawing for the super Conastoga Wagon will be at the Boise Meeting next Tuesday.

Old Business: Don't forget to renew your membership!

Nominations and election of new Officers was held with the following results:

President: Rob Forbes, by acclamation

Vice President: Cary Singleton

Secretary: Jesse Leib, by acclamation

Treasurer: Karin Hunter, by acclamation

New Officers take over the responsibilities of each office immediately following this meeting.

New Business: The President, Karin Hunter, received a phone call from a woman who was inquiring about reputable dealers for gold in the Nampa area, as well as the best way to process gold already mixed in mercury. The Canyon County Coin was recommended as about the only place from Nampa west for purchasing. Tom Ashworth volunteered to call her regarding her mercury problem.

The President also asked the membership if they would like to still meet in the Park for the June, July, and August meetings, as it was time to reserve those dates. It was agreed to do so.

Also brought up under New Business: Outgoing President, Karin Hunter, asked the membership for their approval to continue to represent the club in all further legal actions against the former Treasurer and Raffle Coordinator, Lynn and Greg Nyland. The membership overwhelmingly approved.

Next Meeting is April 1st.

Meeting was adjourned and the raffle was held.

Respectfully submitted,
Karin Hunter